Employment on Compassionate Grounds in Public Sector Udertakings

880. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether provisions exist in public sector undertakings to provide employment on compassionate grounds to members of family of a Government servant dying in harness;

(b) whether there are any public sector undertakings which do not follow the above policy; and

(c) if so, what are the names of such undertakings and what are the reasons for their not following the policy laid down by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Collaboration with Pepsico

881. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the earlier proposal of M/s. Agro Products Exports India Private Limited with the multinational Pepsico, the technical know-how fees was only Rs. 14 lacs and it was rejected by Government and in case of Punjab Agro proposal, the fee have jumped to Rs. 1 crore and if so, what are the reasons assigned for the large increase; and

(b) what was the technical know-how fees paid by Coca Cola when they were in India and what is Pepsi going to do which is more technologically advanced to what Coca Cola was doing or what was proposed with Agro Products Exports India Limited which was rejected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir. In the proposal of M/s. Agro Products Exports India Private Limited, the amount of Rs. 14 lacs was the estimated annual payment of dividends on the equity participation of M/s. Pepsico Incorporated, USA. In the Punjab Agro Industries Corporation's proposal, the lumpsum payment of Rs. 1 crore is for technical services for the entire project including of all operations such as fruit and vegetable processing, potato and grain processing etc.

(b) The Coca Cola Export Corporation, which was operating in India, was a wholly owned branch of Coca Cola of USA. There were transfer of profits and other forms of remittances between the Indian branch and the parent company. The manufacturing programme of Coca Cola Export Corporation or M/s. Agro Products Exports India Private Limited are not comparable with those of the Punjab Agro Industries Corporation as the latter covers several activities such as an Agro Research Centre, potato and grain processing unit, fruit and vegetable processing unit as well as soft drink concentrate unit.

Sick Industrial Units

882. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many industrial units are reported to be sick all over the country, State-wise;

(b) how many of them are small, medium and large scale industries, State-wise;

(c) the total amount of finance relating to banks whch is involved in those sick units State-wise; and

(d) the total amount of other State and Central Public Financial Institutions involved in these sick units, State-wise?